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HOUSE RESOLUTION 262
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A RESOLUTION to designate June 3, 2000, as "Lions Club Day"
in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary clubs and organizations that are celebrating milestones in their venerable history; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Lions Clubs comprise one such outstanding organization; for over 75 years the 6800 Lions of Tennessee have faithfully participated in programs supporting sight conservation and services to the blind; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Lions Club will be meeting in Nashville on June 3-4, 2000 for the dedication of its new building, with International Lions Club President James Ervin in attendance for the dedication ceremony; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of Lions Clubs to eradicate treatable and preventable blindness; and

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WHEREAS, the Lions of Tennessee, in partnership with the Vanderbilt Department of Ophthalmology, have developed a "state of the art" eye center for children known as the Tennessee Lions Eye Center for Children at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, this estimable organization has also joined alliances with the Vanderbilt University Medical Center and the state of Tennessee to develop a sight-screening program for children from the age of six to forty-eight months, to eradicate preventable blindness; it has been adopted as a standard program for Lions Clubs throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the MTI photo-screening program detects amblygenic factors, factors that predispose to the development of amblyopia, such as strabismus and high astigmatism, in children; and

WHEREAS, volunteers conducting photo screenings in the past two years have screened over 30,000 children in the six to forty-eight month age bracket, with 1600 of those children being referred for further evaluation; the Lions of Tennessee will screen between 15,000 to 20,000 people per year in the future; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that this General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to one of Tennessee's most outstanding organizations; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby designated June 3, 2000, as "Lions Club Day" in Tennessee, extending to its members our heartfelt thanks for their unflagging support of the young people of this state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.